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Essay 3

Ambitious Goals, Reasonable Means

Thesis: After examining the broad meaning this claim carries, I strongly disagree with this threshold statement that if a goal is worthy, then any means taken to attain it are justifiable.

I. Counter argument — Reasons and examples that support the claim. (Saving Private Ryan)

II. Argument — The worthiness of a goal also depends on the interactive influence exerted by the goal on others. (The invasion of Japan)

III. When people focus more on the goal than means, they tend to ignore or forgive their wrongdoings, in a sense their goals are goodwill. (Elizabeth Holmes)

Restatement of thesis: To sum up, I am wholeheartedly against the assertion since it neglects one important aspect of how to evaluate goals and puts us in an embarrassing place of functionalists and opportunists.